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Amendment No. 1 to SB0678

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 678

House Bill No. 402*

By deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language;

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-7-124.

(a) The James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University, Meharry Medical College, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, and Vanderbilt School of Medicine in cooperation with the Rural Health Association of Tennessee shall develop guidelines for establishing a program aimed at reducing barriers to health care access in rural areas of Tennessee by increasing the number of physicians and physician specialists who are willing to practice in such areas.

(b) The program shall:

(1) Be based on an assumption that a minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) will be appropriated annually by the state in the general appropriations act for the program, some or all of which amount may be obtained from available federal funding for such purposes, including the availability under Title XIX of the Social Security Act; and

(2) Include a placement program and stipends from such appropriations to those physicians and physician specialists who locate in such rural areas.

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Such amount shall be exclusive of any amounts allocated annually for the
graduate medical education program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare
requiring it.